

**REMARKS**

The undersigned appreciates the courtesies granted by the Examiner during the telephone interview conducted today. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claims 1, 7 and 11 have been amended to recite when the first thread is in the first state and the second state.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to add the subject matter of dependent claims 3 and 13, respectively, and the latter dependent claims have been cancelled.

Claim 7 has been amended to remove the term "first thread" in line 11.

Claim 18 has been amended to make it dependent on claim 7.

With these amendments, the Examiner has kindly indicated that the claims of the instant application would be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested. Any questions which may be handled by telephone should be directed to the undersigned at (203) 787-0595.

Respectfully submitted,



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